

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 17-19, 23-33, and 41-44 are pending. No claim has been amended, canceled or added. The labels of claims 1-4 have been changed to "original" since these are the claims that were issued in US Pat. No. 5,930,179.

Claims 1-5, 17-19, 23-33, and 41-44 were rejected for not complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.173. Claims 1-4 does not require underlines since they are the original claims as issued. All remaining claims have been underlined.

The Examiner stated that claims 1-5, 17-19, 23-33, and 41-44 were rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath under 35 U.S.C. 251. However, based on the subsequent statement by the Examiner, Applicants believe that the Examiner is asserting that claims 17, 19, and 25 require a supplemental oath under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1).

Applicants believe that a supplemental oath/declaration is not required. A supplemental oath is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1) for any errors not covered by the original oath/declaration. Applicants believe that the original oath/declaration covers the amendments made to claims 17, 19, 25. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants requests to submit a supplemental oath/declaration upon receiving a Notice of Allowance, as suggested by MPEP 1444(II).

CONCLUSION

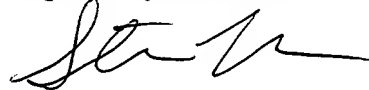
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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